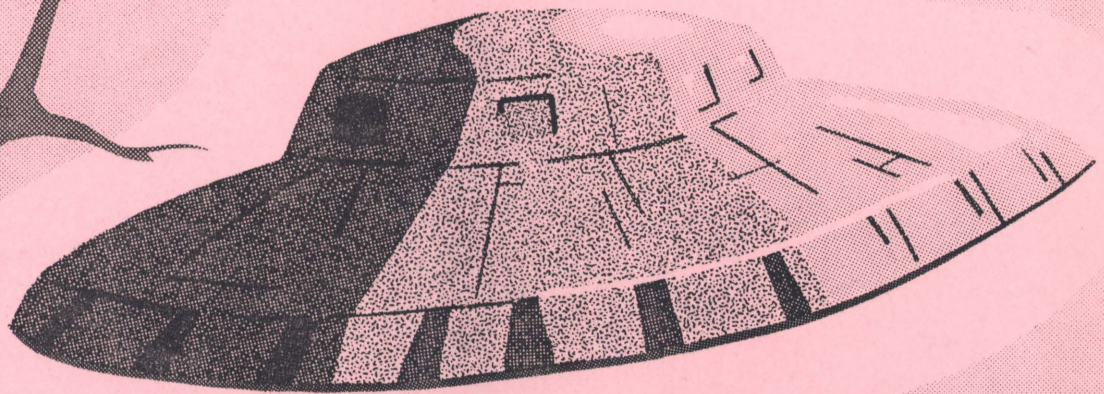


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Editorial

Welcome to the twelfth season of Awareness. The UFO Enigma remains unsolved after all these years. Answers appear tantalisingly close to hand only to fade away again just when it appears a break through is possible. The famous hidden aliens on an American Air Force base are yet again revealed to be true fact by a selection of magazines who make this an Annual revelation. The authorities have confessed this time - or have they! We await a reply to our letter sent to the base commander. Your editor is further prepared to travel to the site at his own expense to categorically witness with his own eyes these aliens and their craft, if admission can be granted.

Since the last Awareness was published, a number of unhappy events have occurred which have had a profound effect on the Oxford Data Research Team. We are sorry to inform you that our secretary, Sandie Kobb's eldest son Gary has died in tragic circumstances and naturally Sandie will not be able to carry on her considerable work for the organisation at present. Please redirect any enquiries re. memberships to the Wheatley address for the time being. Our investigations co-ordinator, Paula Fenton, has been unwell and will be entering hospital shortly, so again, please send Paula's correspondence direct to Derek Mansell at Wheatley. Apologies are due to anyone who has not had replies to their letters.

The Data Research team is at present ~~after~~ new members and we would welcome any volunteers who would be interested in coming along Monday evenings to Wheatley, to assist in assessing data and reports. Ring Derek Mansell for details.

Better news has come from overseas. Ruth Rees informs us that a branch is being set up in Spain and she will be writing about this shortly. Contact International Italy have just written and sent copies of their bulletins covering two years. They hope to be able to liaise more frequently with the U.K. through their new contact Sr. Pettitto. Like most UFO groups they have struggled to find sufficient time to devote to the subject.

The Leeds branch YUFOS have published their own magazine and you may obtain copies. See the advertisement at the back for details. Arrangements are well in hand for the CONTACT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE to be held at Leeds next March. A list of speakers will be published when known.

The task of editing a magazine such as Awareness is no easy matter. One must seek to be objective at all times. Several times articles have appeared which do not agree with one's own opinions, but when these are well presented and sincerely expressed we have a duty to publish. We all know that there are "Hollow Earth" believers, "Extraterrestrial" believers and "Time Warp" believers plus a few other more bizarre theories. Where one origin of UFOs is believed, we cannot dismiss or ridicule opinions of others with a different set of ideas. After about 3 years as editor it seems noticeable that other magazines tend to pass scorn on certain authors' views or works and this often appears as part of an editorial - not really the appropriate place. In general there appears to be an excess of inter- or intra-group rivalry involving personalities rather than anything ufological - all very time consuming when we all of us really have a common aim to discover the nature and origin of UFOs.

The first magazine in the new format seems to have gone down well. We hope you enjoy the second.

The Editor

Close Encounters of the first kind

by

*Milos Krmelj

In March 1979, all over Yugoslavia there were many records about the sightings of the UFO. The majority of them took place at the beginning of the month. A reputable scientific institution in Ljubljana, who receive many notifications of such kind and then mediates them to us, informed us about an interesting case.

First it seemed there might be taken in consideration even the category of "Close Encounters of a Second Kind", where the object either lands or periodically causes disturbances in the automobile electric circuit.

We decided to make an 'on the spot' investigation in order to get an exact as possible information and through conversation with the eye witnesses, find out what is was all about.

The eye-witness was a young woman H.Z. who did not want to be named, because she was afraid of being ridiculed, as she had been in the organization where she was employed.

The case is one of the rare kind (as far as we know) and happened within the province of Pomurje in the vicinity of Radenci, where the eye-witness also lives.

It began on 30th March 1979 at 8.30pm when the eye-witness drove her Fiat 850 on private business. She was driving along a straight road and at the first turning she spotted between two houses something red, green, blue and orange. The orange colour being the strongest. The object had a trail of varicoloured lines behind it. The lines were very large, possibly larger than the object itself the eye-witness told us.

At that moment another car was approaching from the opposite side of the road, so she reduced speed and switched on the side lights. In the area she was driving there were houses and woods, she didn't see the object any more; but when she drove up to a clearing she caught sight of it again. She was very interested in the object which now hovered more to the left and then in front of her than the first time she spotted it. She drove along and all the time observed the phenomenon of unknown origin. She drove through many villages to Radenci. Above the establishment of the mineral spring "Radenci", the UFO descended very low and illuminated the building light green.

Then the object suddenly diminished in size, and descended so low she couldn't see it amongst the trees. When she drove through Radgona she saw the object among the houses, and it was probably rather distant. But arriving at the turning in front of the establishment "Avtoradgona" the moving object was very low again, apparently larger in size than a full moon. When she turned the corner the object was in front of her and at that moment it was possibly the nearest.

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According to our on the spot appreciation of the close encounter, the distance between the eye-witness and the object was only about 100 meters; what classifies this sighting in the category of "close encounters of the first kind" is embracing sightings of the UFO being, up to, 150 meters distance.

Further on the the object moved for some time parallel with her, when the eye-witness came into a valley it rose above the town into the hills and again she lost sight of it. Before she reached the petrol station she spotted it again, but just for a moment and then lost it driving through Kadgona. When she reached the hills out of Kadgona she saw the object again very well, although a little distant, and she thinks it was near the turning for Apace.

Reaching the crossing, she noticed that the object was accompanying her going exactly where she went. (How did the UFO know?). From then on she observed the object all the time, losing it only for brief moments because of the trees and houses around. Shortly after that the object on her left, high above, was turning from a letter C shape (she was observing that for some time) into the form of a letter S and "the small tail" began to disappear. The whole thing in its (almost) total form resembled a "haze" or a mass of yellow-green colour. On the spot where "the small tail" was, there was only a point left.

During the ride she concentrated on observing the object as far as it was possible. Further on she spotted it again somewhere above the grass looking like an orange-red burning globe, then an object in the form of a yellow-green lunar quarter. Seeing it rather clearly, she noticed also it looked like a bobkin. At that moment she became scared and put on the brakes. The object turned from the left to the right side, then vertically to the left and then it started moving upward to the right the transversal line on the object thinned, and at the end only a point was left, finally, even that disappeared and she didn't see it any more. The apparent size of the object would have been bigger than a full moon or a grapefruit in a stretched hand (this is the eye-witness's estimate).

The eye-witness has already seen such an object before, (13th Feb. 1975 was the date she put down). That time she was with her husband and they were driving on the road, suddenly a green and orange globe appeared and she saw the whole globe, then only the edge of it, and finally it seemed as the globe fell behind the houses. The husband stopped the car and drove backwards past the houses and school. There they observed the object hovering. They were able to see the dark globe on the 'lunar quarter' which they hadn't noticed the first time. It was 8.15 - 8.30pm. They tried to approach the object, but it flew away as they were driving through the village.

It is rather interesting that she had a terrible headache after the second sighting (normally she doesn't suffer with headaches), and also the car was running rather badly. As she herself says "the car wasn't functioning as before the sighting, because something appeared to be wrong with the engine". The next morning they couldn't start the engine any more. When the mechanic checked the engine, he told them that the battery was empty. Also the brushes were useless. It should be mentioned that the car is old (1970) and actually that might be the cause of the problem.

The second eye-witness is an older teacher from Apace, who also prefers to be unnamed. The same day about the same time, she accidentally looked through the window and saw a flat object, that appeared to her to be like two yellow-red saucers facing each other. On the top there was

a small cupola or a dome; behind the object there was a dim tail of the same colour. She saw the object only for a few seconds. It flew above the church tower and above the tree tops at a distance of about 100 meters. This could classify the sighting in the category of night lights and not in the category of the "close encounters of the first kind." The object had apparently the shape of a football in a stretched hand.

For a moment her daughter saw the object, but she wasn't too sure of it.

The first eye-witness encounter seemed to belong to the "close encounter of the second kind" because there seemed to have been electro-magnetic influences (the empty car battery, disturbances in the workings of the car engine), but it would be better to say that all these effects might be due to the fact that the car was old and they happened by chance.

The first eye-witness also observed the object for a longer time and at a distance of only 100 meters for part of that time. Mostly she describes it in the shape of a "lunar quarter" or a sickle; in the sickle she noticed a small globe. The fact that the eye-witness saw a similar object a few years ago, does not diminish the authenticity of the sighting. She had read many books on UFOs and of sightings in our country, but her interest in such cases does not prove that she invented the story.

During our conversation with the woman, we got to know that she has a few parapsychologic abilities which could be confirmed by a reputable parapsychologist.

On the contrary, the second eye-witness never experienced anything that could reveal her eventually hidden parapsychologic abilities nor did she ever before see or read about similar phenomenon (except newspaper cases). None of the eye-witnesses can explain the phenomenon and has no self opinion about it.

There seemed that there should have been more eye-witnesses; in fact there was only these two! although their sighting of the phenomenon of unknown origin, which we mark with the abbreviation UFO, could probably be authentic.

There is only one final question to raise; the difference in description of the object or objects. It is possible that the eye-witnesses observed the very same object from different positions, while its illuminating power was changing (although not very quickly), and therefore it gave different images. It is also probable that there could have been two object on the same territory and at approximately the same time. The latter alternative is less probable but should not be ruled out.

The question: were there really only two eye-witnesses or more who saw the object, still remains a mystery.

Milos Krmelj

Recent Worldwide Reports

REPORTS FROM YORKSHIRE (By Courtesy YUFOS)

Report A.

Two police officers were on duty on motor patrol on Thursday 11th February 1982 at 3.30 a.m. Approximately 2 miles south of Skipton on the Keighley Rd. They saw an object in the sky to the West of their position at approx. one mile distance and at an altitude of around 1100 feet. (This conclusion reached due to the hill being approx. one mile from their position and 1000 feet high). The object consisted of several pulsing red lights and was moving slowly from North to South. The speed of the object would probably be below 50 m.p.h. as they could have easily have exceeded its speed with the car. They observed the object for about two minutes when it suddenly did a U turn and started travelling from South to North. They were amazed by this manoeuvre because the turning circle was so tight and could not have been performed by a normal aircraft. The officers continued to observe the object for a further couple of minutes when it appeared to start losing altitude and went out of view as it came down over the distant hills. Map Ref. 983488. As a result of this they decided to drive to the top of the hills in question to see if they could see the object from that position.

They drove through the village of Carleton, along the Carleton to Colne road which runs over the moor. On reaching the moor top they made a left turn onto the Carleton to Tothersdale road and started to travel South towards the area where the object was last seen. The officers travelled in this direction for approx 1½ miles and were climbing to the brow of a hill, Map ref. 964478. As they came over the brow of the hill they were suddenly confronted with a bright white light coming directly at them at a fast speed. The object was about the size of a golf ball held at arms length but growing larger as it approached. The object was very low and bright and disc shaped and because it took them so much by surprise and was so close they immediately switched the vehicle lights off and reversed the car back down the brow of the hill stopping approx. 50 yards below the brow. The object was expected to appear over them at any minute, but it did not come. The next thing they saw, was the object had changed direction and they could just see the tip of it above a dry stone wall as it now moved from East to West at a very slow speed and then disappeared out of sight. The officers waited for approx. five minutes and then drove to the brow of the hill again, without lights, but the object had gone.

The time was now 4a.m. and the weather was dry and cold but not freezing. The sky was cloudy with clouds not more than 100 feet above their heads at the top of the hill. The object was below the clouds. There was very little wind and conditions on the hill were pleasant. It was very dark at the top of the hill with no artificial light source within one mile and there was no moon visible. The object was not a reflection of their headlights as it was still visible after the lights had been turned off. There were no other vehicles anywhere in the vicinity as they could see for a considerable distance from their position.

Throughout the incident the car engine was running without any effect from the object. No sound was heard from the object above the car engine.

As they came over the hill they estimated that the object was approx. 10 degrees from their position. It was bright white in colour and circu-

lar and diffused around the edge.

The two officers both found this a frightening experience.

Report B

At 3.20a.m. on a Thursday in January 1978 two police officers were on duty in Skipton North Yorkshire, on routine night patrol when they had occasion to drive to the village of Cononley which is situated some four mile South of Skipton. At the time the weather was fine and dry, visibility was very good, with no cloud and the stars were shining. It was cold but not freezing. There was no moon visible.

The officers drove South towards the location, and when some three miles South of Skipton they turned off the main A629 trunk road into an unlit country lane leading into the village of Cononley. The road and surrounds were very dark with the hills in the background silhouetted against the winter sky. The only illumination at this time was from the headlights of the police car.

As they drove along the road they suddenly became aware of a very bright light in the sky moving from their right towards them. The light was approx. 100 feet above the ground and was circular. The officers had by this time stopped their car turned off the engine and lights and stood outside their vehicle in order to get a better view of the object.

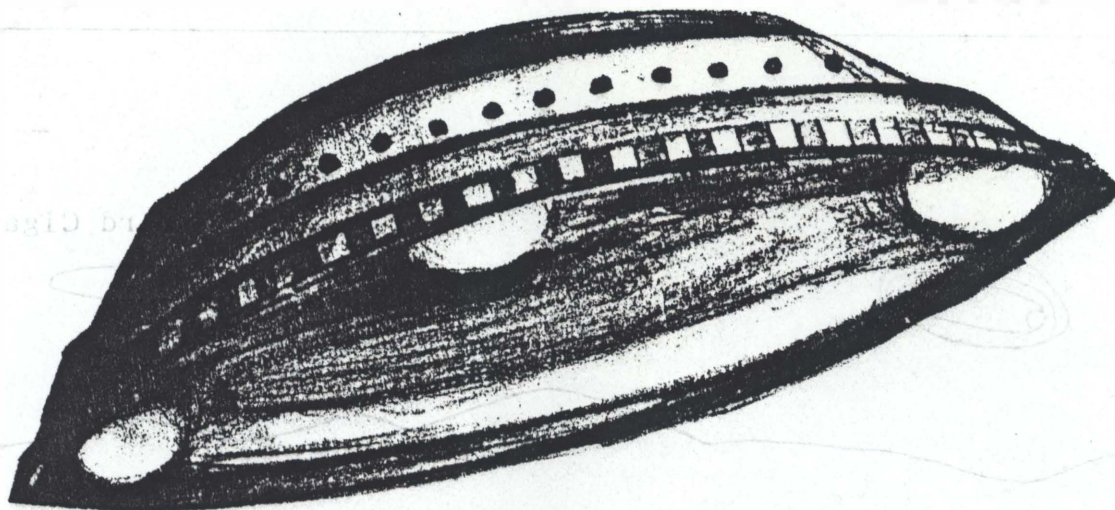
The object was growing in size by the second as it approached, and was moving no faster than 40 m.p.h. and appeared to be changing shape as it was about to pass over the top of the two officers and appeared larger than two buses end to end. The shape of the object was by now clear and appeared saucer shaped with a raised section on top along which ran a long row of darkened portholes for its full length. Above this was a slightly raised dome. As the object passed over the top of the officers, its underside became very clear.

At the bottom was a shallow skirt with numerous small red, green, white and blue lights rotating around the circumference of the object. This gave the effect associated with moving neon signs. The whole machine was glowing with an incandescent white light and under the underside were three large ball shaped objects which were spaced evenly around the perimeter. There was no sound from the object.

As it moved to the far left of the officers, it stopped and hovered for a short time over the distant hillside and then appeared to land in the vicinity of a plantation of trees. The officers returned to their vehicle and drove onto the hilltops in the area where the object appeared to have landed but were unable to find it.

Leeds/Bradford airport were contacted and stated that no aircraft were flying and no radar was operating as they had closed for the night. Manchester airport was contacted and they stated that they had no aircraft in the area and no radar contacts but were unable to cover at low heights due to surrounding hills.

(illustration overleaf)



Artist impression of the object.

The above drawing was made by Mark Ian Birdsall (Contact International) from the statements and diagrams made by the Police Officers. Both officers state that the artists impression was totally correct.

THE UFO OVER NORTH YORKSHIRE.

The witness first sighted the UFO moving towards him from the right. The description given, is one of a very bright light. The object was approx. 100ft. above the ground.

As the object moved closer it was growing in size. The second observation of the object was that it had slightly tilted, towards the witness. From this angle the UFO would appear to be Oval.

After the object had completed it's manoeuvre, the object then was described as cigar shaped.

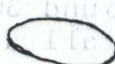
The UFO was then directly above the witness. Height approx. 100ft. After tilting away from the witness the object then straightened.

From this point the witness observed, that around the circumference the lights seemed to be rotating. He is not sure if the lights were revolving in or out of the base of the UFO.

Observation 1 & 2

2nd Oval

1st Circular

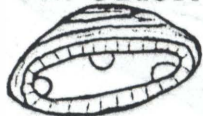


witness

witness

Observation 3 & 4

4th Saucer



3rd Cigar

Report C.

Date; Friday 15th October 1982.

Location; Main Skipton-Cracoë road B6265. Map Ref. 969588. Sheet No.103
N. Yorks.

Time; 01.19a.m.

Weather; Quite clear, although thin clouds observed.

At approximately 01.19 four people observed a strange oval light travelling towards Skipton, N. Yorkshire. Although exact location can only be determined by a future visit to the area, the map ref. given is thought to be around the area of maximum visual distance. Four people had pulled into a very dark lay-by. The temperature was quite cold, and three of them decided to stay in the car. The fourth person was outside the car and observing the night sky, Orion was clearly visible and just above the horizon.

The actual lay-by is set deep into lonely hills and away from any small towns or villages. The principal observer then noted what at first he thought to be an approaching plane. However, after noting the very slow and at times jerky motion he called to the three persons still having refreshments in the vehicle. All four persons were now observing the object. The first witness described the object as a flattened ball of cream coloured light and at times the light would fall inwardly and appear to be vanishing. The UFO's motion was unsteady but kept to what appeared to be a steady course. The light from the object gave the impression that it was unreal. A mellow light was how the witness described it. The object was quite low, probably around 30' above the ground. No sound was heard by any of the witnesses and all are quite sure that what they observed was no aircraft. The size of the object is difficult to determine, indeed all witnesses involved would rather not guess at the answer.

The problem here is, that unless the witnesses know the distance between themselves and the object they would rather not hazard a guess. However the two male witnesses estimate the distance between themselves and the UFO to be 2-3 miles. Total time the UFO was visible was approx. 40-60 seconds. The estimated speed was said to be around 100 m.p.h.

although one must remember the difficulty in estimating speed. At arms length the object would be just larger than a pea. After observing the object entering light cloud, the witnesses are undecided whether the UFO was unobservable because of the clouds or that the UFO just "disappeared".

The witnesses stayed in the area for another one hour and noticed around nine air craft all of which were totally different from the strange light.

SWAZILAND FIREBALL INCIDENT

by

Anne Rogers and Ric McKee

We were out in the country about 7km north east of Swaziland's small capital town of Mbabane. On clear nights, the planets and stars are particularly bright due to the absence of street lights and pollution. As we are interested in astronomy, we have often observed satellites and many falling meteors over the seven years we have lived in the country.

On April 30th at about 8.25p.m. we were about to get into a car to go to the cinema in Mbabane. The sky was clear with no clouds, but there was a very slight tinge of fine haze due to an approaching weather front. There was a half moon to the north. We were opening the car doors (no lights were on as we could easily see by the light of the moon) when a flashing glow was cast on our hands. Ric was looking down at the time and could see his shadow on the ground, the glow overpowering that of the moon. We would therefore estimate that the brightness of this glow on the ground would be about equal to that of a full moon, magnitude -12 or so. We then looked up in the sky to see an emergency distress flare. It lit up the whole countryside. Although there was no sound from the moving object itself, dogs were barking and some people in the distance were whistling and shouting.

We had the distinct impression that it was a solid object; a luminous "firefly" green colour surrounded by an orange glow. The orange colouring was also streaking out behind the object for a short distance. The green portion was "blinking" lighter then dimmer (in ratio of about 10:1) at roughly one second intervals. This variation seemed, at the time, to be caused by an "oblong" shaped object twisting or tumbling as it was falling. It seemed to be falling in a sharp arc towards the southeast, say about 45 degrees downward. Also the object may have been moving away from us because when it disappeared it seemed slightly less bright than when we first saw it, although not by a tremendous amount.

Only one piece was observed and there were no sparks shooting off nor did it break up. We saw this object directly for about 3 or 4 secs. before it disappeared behind some hills, but as we saw the effect of the light on the ground first, the entire episode may have lasted about 6 seconds in total. If we had to guess at what it was, it could have been a close and/or very large meteor, a piece of comet, or possibly a bit of man-made "space junk" falling out of orbit. It did not appear to have any characteristics of an aircraft or any other controlled guided object.

Unfortunately, from only one observation point it is not possible to get accurate guesses as to height, distance, size, etc., It was however, very exciting to have seen such a thing. We mentioned it to many other people and wrote up a short article for the local newspaper. It eventually got onto Swazi television news and some people started telephoning us to say they had also seen it. We took notes on their descriptions. We then began to wonder that if the object was so bright, perhaps it was also close. When some phone calls were received describing terrifically loud noises plus strong smells lasting for days, we thought perhaps it landed somewhere in Swaziland. This got our interest up again and we interviewed in person some of the people who telephoned in. Search parties were organized during each weekend for the past month to go out into the rural locations and question Swazi homesteads in those areas. Notes were taken on descriptions, compass directions, and height angles of witnesses. Apparently, hundreds of people had seen or heard the object. The searching is about finished; nothing has yet been found. The information will be produced in report form sometime in July/Aug. It made an unusual and fascinating amateur project.

Ed: We have the full report available, and will publish if permission can be obtained.

BIRD VANISHES IN CLOUD

by

Vera Perry

Ohio, U.S.A.

Tuesday morning April 19th 1983. time was around 8.30a.m. The sun was shining and there were some clouds in the sky, and there was a brisk type of wind. I had been out walking my dogs and was on my way in when stopped for a minute like I do. A flock of purple grackles went flying by followed by one grackle that was at least twenty or thirty feet behind. They were quite high up and seemed to be flying fast. I watched them fly past the house and go in a southerly direction towards the marsh on the other side of the railroad tracks.

The lone grackle was now flying over the neighbour's property when suddenly it looked like he was having trouble as he didn't or couldn't fly any further, but just hovered on the spot flapping his wings. At first I thought a strong air current had hit him, but then I saw something that sent an icy chill through me. There was a cloud nearby the grackle - suddenly out from the cloud flashed a silvery white beam, straight at the helpless grackle, and the grackle instantly disappeared. I stood there in complete shock at what I had just seen. I noticed the other clouds in the sky were moving toward the east, but this cloud seemed to be staying in the one spot. Needless to say, my dogs and I beat a hasty retreat into the house. That was all I saw, but really, it was quite enough.

The Prophet Ezekiel's UFOs (Part 3)

by

Kiril Terziev

THE EZEKIEL'S LIVING CREATURES IN THE MESOPOTAMIAN AND HEBRAIC ART.

The four UFOs resembling four identical wheels, Ezekiel compares with four identical human heads with horned head dresses of four different winged creatures depicted in Mesopotamian art; man, bull, lion and eagle. These living creatures are found depicted on statuettes and reliefs as described. They differ only in the legs: the man has man's legs, the bull - bull's legs, the lion - lion's legs and the eagle - eagles' ones. The bull and the lion have tails. The four living creatures "had the likeness of a man"/1:5/ as they resemble more men than animals.

Ezekiel describes a sculptural composition consisting of the four living creatures, the "firmament" "the likeness of a throne"/1:26/ and "the likeness as the appearance of a man"/1:26/. In Fig.10 such a composition is reconstructed by the author of this article. The Mesopotamian elements of the Ezekiel text contain a description of such a composition in three dimensional.

The space sculptural composition mentions that the hands of the four creatures, and this means the creatures themselves, are orientated in all the four sides of the world: "And they had the hand of a man under their wings in their four sides"/1:18/. The tops of the wings of two neighbouring creatures are touching: "and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and the two covered their bodies"/1:11/, "their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward"/1:19/. The other part of the last verse speaks, as we said above, for artistic dynamics of the living creatures in the sculptural composition; the actual moving of the UFOs is contained in verses 1:12-21, which has other messages too.

Every living creature has a human head, meanwhile as Ezekiel describes no real animals but four living creatures with human heads in a sculpture, then the head of: a bull, lion and eagle again means a human head.

Since Ezekiel mentions "four sides"/1:8/, this means that he describes a space /three dimensional/ sculptural composition. Meanwhile in the following verse it seems that he, in order to give more explanations, or his editors, who did not know what actually Ezekiel had seen gave a description of one or three reliefs more with our living creatures, since in the text is mentioned their positions on the left and right side: "As to the likeness of their faces they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side: they four also had the face of an eagle"/1:10/. This verse could be explained yet so: Ezekiel is in a temple room on whose four walls are placed four reliefs. On the wall before him, i.e. behind him are depicted living creatures with human legs i.e. with legs of an eagle. On the right wall is a relief with the four figures with legs of a lion, and on the left wall - with legs of a bull.

We see that, in order to describe and explain four UFOs in the

form of wheels, Ezekiel's text brings us through the Mesopotamian art where the described living creatures on statuettes and reliefs are actually artistic representations of UFOs. Later Ezekiel introduced us in the Jerusalem temple, where we meet artistic representations of the same UFOs - those are cherubims, as they have human faces and are similar to our living creatures, especially the one with human legs whose special name is "cherub" as it is quite cherub-like i.e. human-like.

The Hebraic cherubims are different from those of the Middle Ages. they are human beings with two wings¹⁴ "and the other wing was..... joining to the wing of the other cherub"/2 Chron/3:12; see also 3:11/. "The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth.....and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward"/2 Chron 3:13/ see also Ex. 25:20 and 7:9/. /It is possible the following reconstruction the figures of the two cherubims stand on the Arc of Covenant "en face" so their two wings touch each other and their faces are turned inward so as to watch each other/.

As to the Ezekiel's cherubims in the Temple, they are also human-like beings with two wings. This conclusion derives from the comparison with the Mesopotamian living creatures which are human-like, especially one, as his face, "the face of man", when translated into Hebraic model, is replaced with "the face of a cherub": "the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face was the face of a man,¹⁵ and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle"/10:14/. As to the figures in the Jerusalem temple, Ezekiel remembers: "This is the living creature¹⁶ that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew they were cherubims"/10:20/.

It is characteristic for Ezekiel's cherubims that they are standing or sitting on wheels /Fig.9/, so the cherub and the wheel form as a whole sculptural unit: "the wheels, even under the cherub"/10:2/. As the cherubims are standing or sitting on the wheels, the motion of the unit cherub-wheel is "controlled" with the face i.e. the head of the cherub: "When they/wheels/went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went"/10:11/.

The horned head dresses on the Mesopotamian living creatures are replaced with the wheels associated with the Hebraic cherubims. Later in the Middle Ages, the wheel, or a disc is placed over or around the head of an angel - this is the halo around or over his head, which indeed resembles a UFO.

It seems that the Ezekiel's cherubims are capable of performing mechanical movements similar to the present day mechanical children's toy, as if they are mechanical cherubims.

As it is said above, the horned head dresses on the living creatures of the Mesopotamian model are replaced with wheels on which the cherubims are standing or sitting in the Hebraic model. /Ezekiel identifies the wheels with the living creatures, but in Babylonia he never saw wheels on the earth/. Meanwhile, we find a confusion-in one verse the wheels are mistakenly described by the living creatures: "one wheel upon the earth by the living creature"/1:15/ - the wheel is not under the cherubim like in 10:2. In verse 1:15 the Hebraic element is replaced with Mesopotamian - "living creature" instead of "cherubim"¹⁷ like in the following verse which repeats verse 1:15 but in the correct Hebraic term: "the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub"/10:9/. Meanwhile, the

cherubims/mistaken "living Creatures" in 1:15/are not by the wheels, they are standing or sitting on the wheels /Fig.9/. It seems that again the editors imagine the wheels on the earth with the axis in a horizontal position like those of a car and the cherubims/mistaken living creatures in 1:15/by them. In the following verses if the term "living creatures" is replaced with the term "cherubim" we would have a description in Hebraic elements - the standing or sitting on the wheels cherubims are moving together with the wheels since we have a unit cherubim-wheel: "And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. When they went these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels"/1:19-21/. The same descriptions are repeated correct in the following verses: "And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from behind them. When they stood, these stood: and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the living creature was in them" /10:16-17/. "and when the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were besides them"/10:19/.

We see that some verses /1:15; 1:19-21/, originally belonged to Chapter 10, are surplusses in Chapter 1, transforming the Hebraic element into Mesopotamian ones, as if the occurrence with the wheels descending on the earth and ascending took place in Babylonia. Then the four wheels are mistakenly represented as wheels of a car and by every wheel of this car is put a living creature. We emphasize that such a scene never happened in Babylonia. We shall mention yet that some verses of Chapter 10 /10:9/ beside Hebraic, contain Mesopotamian elements concerning the occurrences in the Jerusalem temple.

"FIRMAMENT, THE LIKENESS OF A THRONE" AND "THE LIKENESS AS THE APPEARANCE OF A MAN"

A characteristic of the present day UFO reports is a cupola-like protrusion in the central part of the upper side on some types of UFOs. The model of this type of UFO we meet as a Mesopotamian artistic representation of the spherical UFO (Fig.10) as well as in the Jerusalem temple /Fig. 9./ In the place of the cupola-like protrusion in the Mesopotamian model there is "the likeness of a throne" and "the likeness as the appearance of man". In the model of the Jerusalem temple there is placed only a "throne": "Then I looked and, behold, in the firmament that was above the heads of the cherubims there appeared over them as if it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne" /10:1/.

In the Mesopotamian model "the likeness as the appearance of a man" is no man, but god. As the Israelites don't mention images of God, in their model there is only the "throne". Meanwhile, God is here present as if invisible sitting on the throne since he speaks to "the man clothed with linen"/10: 2/- probably a priest and "he commanded to the man clothed with linen"/10:6/. God is present over the four cherubims: "This is the living creature¹⁸ that I saw under the God of Israel by the River of Chebar" /10:20/. This means that the spherical UFO is again God or some representation of God and Ezekiel says "he" and "his", not "it" and "its".

Out of the Ezekiel book there are some verses similar to those cited above, referring to descriptions of a spherical UFO in terms of Hebraic symbols: "And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness" /Ex 24:10/. The UFO, i.e. its model is "the body of heaven". This is an artistic depiction in the Tabernacle in the time of Moses. It turns attention to that the image of God was seen and so it is said /"they saw the God of Israel"/. Meanwhile this happened in a earlier age of Hebrew history and it is described in the following verse of Daniel seeing the image of God: "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garments were white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool, his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him" /Dan 7:9-10/. Here, in the Daniel book "the Ancient of days" is an artistic depiction of God in Jerusalem in the temple - the author avoids saying his name, God or Jahve, since here is his artistic image. Such an attitude and terminology made a confusion which brought to the opinion that the Israelites had no images of God what is, by no means, true. Isaiah in 6:7 again speaks of seeing the image of God, but like Daniel the description contains more than an artistic dynamics so it seems as if God and other subjects and objects in their descriptions are alive.

ANTROPOMORPHIC UFO

In the third sighting, which occurred fourteen months after the first one,²⁰ Ezekiel gives an antropomorphic description of a UFO: "Then I behold, and lo a likeness of the appearance of man: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins upwards as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber"/8:2/. This verse in New English Bible directly speaks for a fiery man: "and I saw what looked like a man. He seemed to be all fire from the waist down and to shine and glitter like brass from the waist up".

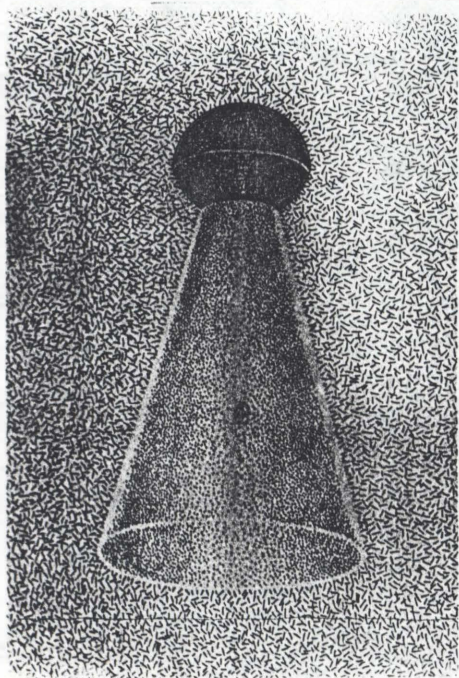


Fig. 20



Fig. 21

In Fig. 20 and 21 are depicted two kinds of UFOs which resemble men: the entry luminosity under the bottom resemble the robe of a man. The first UFO has only "head and robe", the other - arms more.

This description of the UFO differs from the other Ezekiel's descriptions as to the antropomorphism of the UFO, and this is emphasized since the prophet does not associate this UFO with the presence of God, as it is a "man" - fiery one.

This "man" cannot be God, as Ezekiel always refers to his glory when speaking of God's presence.²¹

A. UFO that resembles a man with hat is shown in Fig.22 /compare with Fig.20/. /The report contains some details which suggests it operates according to the principle that airflows enter the propulsion system through an opening in the bottom and issue through the edges./ The difference between the case in Fig.5 and this case is that the escaping luminous cylinder or our cone, whose upper base is the rim of the UFO is short and the luminosity of the entry opening touching the bottom is long.

A sighting took place in Denmark at an unknown place in Sept. 1966 when was seen a dark object with a bright blue light underneath and along the edges, which were rotating; A yellow belt of light appeared on the upper part of the object²² /The last data states that on the upper part of the object were entry openings with a red and white hot glowing mass on the outside of the UFO.

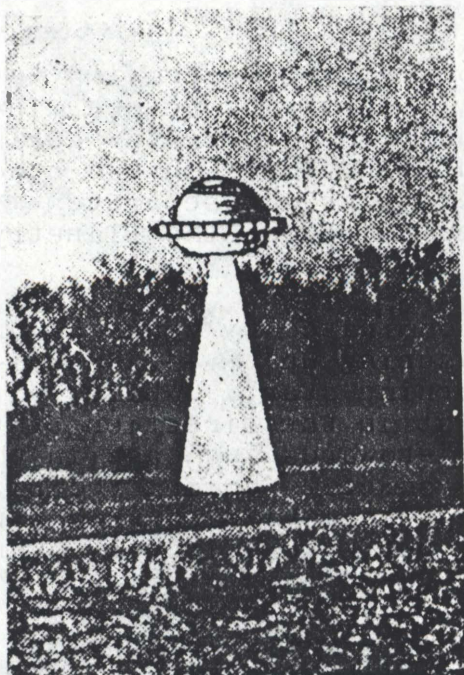


Fig.22

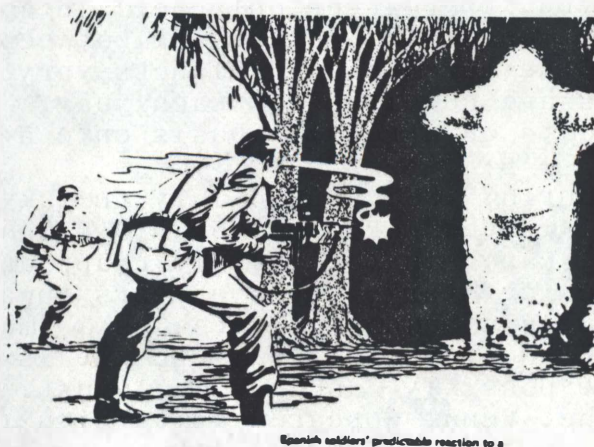


Fig.23

A UFO resembling a man with arms as in Fig.21 is seen on the Spanish Air Force Base at Talavera La Real on Nov.12 1976 by three soldiers who opened fire at it with their rifles. It is interesting that before the observation, the soldiers experienced a sort of whirlwind localized in one spot. The witnesses saw the UFO in a moment when it was behind them and one of them describes it as a luminous human figure, tall, about three meters. The head looked small and seemed to be covered with a sort of helmet/cupola-like protrusion/. The crossed arms were long, and the body thick /Fig.23/. They did not see either feet or legs. It was like a bobbin or spindle.²³

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18. Instead of "these were the living creatures"
19. It is interesting to question how this verse, in this form, reached our days, i.e. why it is not changed into terms of not seeing/the image of God/ i.e. seeing his glory or throne.
20. Keith W. Carly. The Book of Prophet Ezekiel. p.51
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Planetary Movements 1983

by

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The planets or stars most likely to cause confusion with UFOs were identified in the article "Ufological Illusions" - Part 1 in Awareness Vol.10 No.4 P.12. All but the brightest objects in the sky - those of negative "magnitude"-were considered unlikely to be misidentified. The planets concerned in order of brightness were Venus, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn (borderline), and the star Sirius. The Orion nebula and the star cluster Pleiades could possibly be confused in addition.

The situation with the named stars and constellations remains steady each year with good visibility in the winter months before midnight but thereafter only seen in the early hours of the morning during autumn months and not at all between April and September. On the other hand, the movements of planets vary almost every year and separate charts are required for each year. It is hoped to review the planetary movements on a regular basis once a year.

During 1983, up to July the sky has been dominated by Venus as an "evening star" of considerable brightness, measuring up to -4.2 magnitude. Later in the year it reappears as a "morning star". While it is an "evening star", Venus appears towards the west in the direction of the setting sun, and vice-versa as a "morning star"-towards the east in the direction of the rising sun. It is visible at sometime during the night except possibly January and August. With exceptional viewing from March to June, Venus appeared quite high in the sky, but never directly overhead.

The previous assessment for 1981 was when Mars had a long period of good visibility and brightness. In 1983 Mars will be visible at certain times, but with reduced brightness and no mistaken UFOs should result.

Jupiter is visible for most months of the year and reaches a maximum brightness of magnitude -2.1 in May, about half that of Venus at its best.

Finally Saturn should be mentioned if only to say it will be visible, but with a magnitude of +0.5, little brighter than an average star.

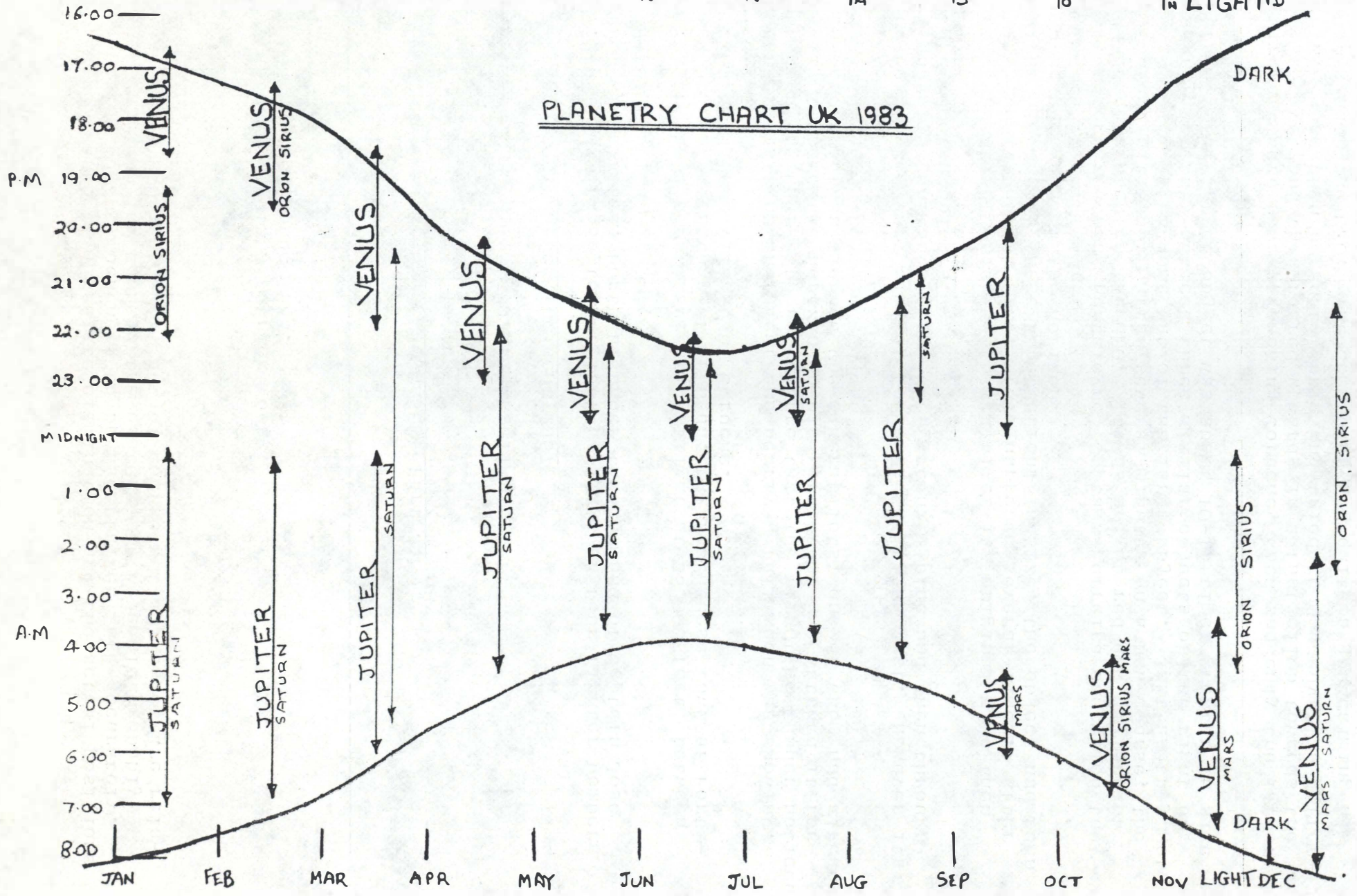
It is clear then, that the only bright objects in the sky will be Venus and Jupiter and their relative positions should be checked if receiving a night sighting of a UFO. The chart adjacent to this article shows the monthly positions of the stars and planets if visible at all. The larger the lettering, the brighter the object. The dates of the moons phases are also shown. To check out a UFO sighting refer to the month and the time. Examples:- Object seen on October 5th 1983 at 9.00 p.m. The line for October shows Venus as "morning star" not appearing until after midnight - eliminate Venus. Jupiter is not marked at all-eliminate Jupiter. Other bodies are not visible at 9.00p.m. New moon is due on October 6th so no confusion with the moon is likely. Here is a good case of elimination.

Object seen on June 25th 1983 at 11.00p.m. The line for June shows Venus still very prominent as an "evening star". Jupiter too is visible at this time. No other objects are visible, but there is a full moon.

MOON
 ☾ LAST 6
 ● NEW 14
 ☾ FIRST 22
 ○ FULL 28

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	13	14	13	12	11	10	8	7	6	4	2
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PLANETARY CHART UK 1983



There is no chance of immediate elimination and the actual positions of Venus, Jupiter and the moon need to be ascertained more accurately. If the object was seen low down in the eastern sky we could probably eliminate all three straight away, but of course not all cases are relatively straightforward.

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CLASSIC UFO CASES. Part 3.

by

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Case 5. Portuguese Air Space Incident 1957

At. 7.21p.m. on 4th September 1957 a flight of four fighter bombers took off from OTA airbase, Portugal under the command of Captain Jose Lemos Ferreira.

The mission was a night navigation flight at 25,000 feet, between Ota air base, the spanish town of Granada, the Portuguese town of Portalegre and the Portuguese village of Coruche.

The weather was fine and clear and nearly a full moon was showing. It was when changing course to Portalegre that the flight commander noticed an unusual light above the horizon on his port beam. He watched it for several minutes, and then alerted the other pilots, one of whom had already seen it.

The object looked very similar to Venus at its largest. However its colour was changing constantly from deep green to blue and then through yellowish and reddish colours.

Suddenly the object enlarged to six times its original size then shrinking back to its normal size. This happened several times. After seven to eight minutes of these fluctuations in size, the object had been gradually descending below the horizon.

Shortly before reaching Portalegre, Captain Ferreira cancelled the mission and concentrated on the UFO. It was bright red and well below their 25,000 feet altitude. After several minutes on a new course, the pilots saw a yellow light come out of the large object. Just as they got over this surprise, they noticed three similar objects on the right of the main craft. The larger object was about 10-15 times greater in size than the smaller craft.

The aircraft were now approaching Coruche, when suddenly the larger object made a dive, and then roared upwards in a fast climb towards the aircraft. Everyone then began to panic and tried to manoeuvre in different positions, near the UFO. The Commander had quite a job calming his pilots, but shortly after this the UFO and its satellites climbed rapidly and disappeared. The aircraft then returned to Ota air base where the object had been detected on radar.

UFO Response Form

Case 5. Portuguese Air Space Incident 1957

- (a) Without doubt, a genuine UFO.
- (b) Possibly a UFO, evidence not conclusive.
- (c) Misidentification of Venus or other heavenly bodies.
- (d) Hoax
- (e) My explanation below.

Case 6. Fatima Affair - Portugal 1917

- (a) Experiences were Close Encounters of Third Kind with extraterrestrial.
- (b) Possible Close Encounter but some doubt.
- (c) Religious miracle as interpreted by Roman Catholic church.
i.e. The visitor was the Virgin Mary
- (d) Genuine misinterpretation of natural phenomena due to intense religious upbringing.
- (e) Deliberate hoax by children or adults subsequently.
- (f) Earlier encounters true, but later ones contrived for publicity reasons.
- (g) My explanation below.

Please tick alternatives and return to:-

Contact International. Data Research. 48 Crown Rd, Wheatley, Oxford.

Case 6 The Fatima Affair - Portugal 1917

The witnesses were the children Lucia de Jesus, aged 10 and her cousins Francisco Marto and Jacinto Marto aged 9 and 7.

On May 13th 1917, the children were collecting their sheep when a big flash erupted in the sky. After several minutes a radiant figure appeared under a tree. It was a woman and she spoke to them telepathically, asking who they were and telling them not to worry. She promised to return on June 13th. This she did again meeting the children and telling them that she would like them to learn how to read. Again a promise was made to return.

The third contact was a month later. However the children's parents and the local mayor and clergymen thought the children were lying and indeed the youngsters were locked up for a short time. The lady promised the children she would perform a miracle in October to convince everyone.

The fourth meeting was on August 13th, but because the children were questioned, threatened and kidnapped by the local mayor, they had to meet the lady in another place called Vallinos (little valleys).

On September 13th, the fifth meeting took place. This time there were several hundred witnesses, including the Rev. General Vicar of Leira. He stated the lady came in an aeroplane of light. Many other witnesses saw a white being get out of the globe. She spoke to the children and said she would perform a miracle on October 13th. On this occasion, angel hair fell from the sky like snowflakes and after several minutes, the globe took off and headed towards the sun.

The final sighting was on October 13th. This time it was witnessed by nearly 70,000 people including reporters from many countries and a representative from the Pope.

During the morning it was raining hard but then eased off to a drizzle when a great white light shone through the clouds. The light began a dance and then rotated with increasing speed until it started to drop towards the Earth. Witnesses felt a strong heat and a prickling sensation. The lady appeared again and spoke to the children. She promised a sixth appearance, but this promise was not kept for some reason. It had been said, but not proved, that she handed over several envelopes to the Vatican representative to be opened on different dates, one just before World War 2 and the other in the year 1999-2000. Whether this is true cannot be guaranteed, but the Vatican have not denied the existence of such messages.

The sightings were officially recognised by the Vatican as a visit from the Virgin Mary and a pilgrimage is held to Fatima each year on the anniversary of the sightings.

Assessment of Previous Cases.

Case 1. April 24th 1964. Socorro, New Mexico.

(a) Genuine UFO 61% (b) Possible UFO 33% (d) Hoax 6%

Case 2. June 26th 1959. Boianai, New Guinea.

(a) Genuine UFO 78% (b) Possible UFO 17% (d) Hoax 5%

(Final analysis on cases 1 and 2 based on 18 returns)

Case 3 September 10th 1954. Quarduble, France.

(a) Genuine UFO 60% (b) Possible UFO 20% (d) Hoax 20%

Case 4. April 1958. Saude N.E. Coast of Brazil

(a) Genuine UFO 90% (b) Possible UFO 10% (d) Hoax 0%

(Preliminary figures cases 3 and 4 - more returns required.)

Cases 3 and 4 show differing response levels with some doubts as to the veracity of witness. Dewilde in case 3, but little doubt about case 4 being genuine.

Case 3 Remarks:-

---The dogs were making enough noise to waken the dead. Why didn't they wake the family? The possibility of steam coming out below seems very doubtful. The UFO I encountered had no smoke, no wind and no sound. Perhaps other UFOs vary in different ways.

---In my opinion this was one of the best contactee cases, or rather one of the best C.3 cases. It was fully investigated by the top police forces in France, especially the D.S.T. which is the equivalent of the C.I.A. and for ordinary police to involve them, it has to be something very special. The French Air Police were also involved and these are a very elite Force. All the police believed the witness and the object was put down as unidentified.

Case 4 Remarks:-

---How many witnesses were questioned? Any ear-drums inspected for damage? Noise was most unlikely. The description of the UFO sounds about right. Possibly telling the truth but doubtful.

---Again a very good case, well investigated and a friend of mine who was private secretary to the President of Brazil checked the details out thoroughly for me. The Brazilian Air Force were very impressed by the witness, and they called in the American Air Force who sent down a special team of five, including a high ranking officer. They believed witnesses and put it down as unidentified.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to tell you of an experience I had, which in due course made me become a member of your association.

It happened in June 1980 as I was travelling to work to Cowley, East Oxford. The time was 9.10 a.m. There was a beautiful clear blue sky and the sun was shining brightly.

As I drove from the Blackbird Leys Estate to Cowley Centre the road passes over a dual carriageway, subsequently one is quite high up and has a clear vision from the left to the right. I happened to glance over to my left and saw what only can be described as "two huge windows" in the sky, well above the rooftops of the houses. The windows were rectangular in shape, and were brilliantly illuminated.

The two windows were side by side with the two centre lines clearly defined; the outside edges were shimmering and not very clear. I did not at the time stop the car, as I was very anxious to get to work and was already 10 minutes late! As I passed over the bridge I looked quickly at the sun shining brightly on my right and then back to the two windows on my left. I then passed by some houses and caught a glimpse of the "windows" between between the turnings off from the main road. I was forced to pull up near Cowley Centre behind a bus, and could still clearly see them as people were alighting from the bus. It did not occur to me to attract attention of someone and ask if they could see the same thing as I could, I just expected people to look up in amazement, but nobody did!

I then continued my journey to Cowley Centre and lost sight of them as I turned left into Between Towns Road. The only flying object I saw then was an R.A.F. jet plane.

It wasn't until I arrived to work that I realised what I had seen. It was not something that I could explain easily when I related the story to my fellow office workers.

The only explanation I could put down was that the sun on my right must have been reflecting something pretty huge on my left!

F.A. Copeland (Mrs) Oxford.

Dear Sir, *

I would like to raise a question concerning next years conference at Leeds. I for one thoroughly enjoy the conferences and in my opinion are well worth the effort in attending.

I am sure I am one of many members in this area who are totally reliant on public transport, so Leeds becomes a time/distance factor, a factor of great importance.

Would it be possible through the medium of "Awareness" see if we could get sufficient local members together to arrange a coach or mini-bus party for the Leeds conference, as I feel the time/distance factor has a great say in the non attendance of Members.

P.N. Cooke. Abingdon, Oxon.

Dear Sir,

I refer to D. Mansell's article entitled "Mystery Submarines" Awareness Vol.11 No.4. If the specifications of the original U-Boat 567 are known, its maximum range will also be known. A little work with a map and a compass might establish the probable point of origin of the Canary Islands UB 567.

B.J. Burden. Braintree.

*Editor: Would other members with similar transport problems contact us at Wheatley so we can estimate requirements before next March.

Selected UFO Reports.

by

D.N. Mansell

Before listing the UFO sightings, I would like mention briefly an unusual report I received from Suffolk. It happened on the 22nd July and involved a Spitfire. This aircraft was seen at 11.15a.m. by a father and son. The aircraft circled around, climbed and then dived into the ground, they started to run across the fields, when after a few minutes the aircraft suddenly shot straight up in the air and disappeared before their eyes.

They checked out with several airfields and none had a spitfire flying in the area, but a mystery spitfire has been seen flying in daylight and at night, over Scotland, North East England, East England and South of London on different occasions over several months. The aircraft is camouflaged and when flying at night does not have any lights.

If anyone else has heard of this aircraft, please could you send me details. All witnesses swear it is a Spitfire.

1st March 1983 Time 2.30a.m. Place Western Australia.

The witness was outside, when he saw some lights in a pyramid shape. The lights were flickering around a large object. The witness called his wife and they watched it for 3 minutes.

Credit. Perth UFO Research Group.

15th March 1983. Time 3.40a.m. Place Western Australia.

Witnesses watched flashing blue and orange lights manoeuvre across the sky. Looking through binoculars, the lights appeared in the shape of a football.

Credit. Perth UFO Research Group.

20th April 1983. Time 4.37a.m. Place Johannesburg. South Africa.

Many witnesses saw a stream of lights going across the sky. It was a fiery ball, trailing fiery fragments, possibly being space debris.

Credit UFO Newsclipping Service.

8th May 1983. Time 6.00p.m. Place Whyalla. South Australia.

A woman and her husband were driving when they noticed a small dark object moving from North to South. The witness alerted several people and they all watched the object, which was black and shaped like a pine tree, with a box or basket underneath it. The craft flew out of sight.

Credit UFO Newsclipping Service.

15th May 1983. Time 5.00a.m. Place Chipping Norton, Oxon.

Witnesses were an R.A.F. officer and his family. They saw 3 large round lights the same colour as aircraft lights. The lights were playing "follow the leader" circling, diving, climbing; you name it and they did it. They were the size of aircraft lights at a height of approximately

4000 feet. The lights streaked upwards and disappeared.

Credit. Data Research.

25th May 1983. Time 8.25p.m Place Burford, Oxon.

Several motorists stopped and watched an object for about eight minutes. It was a large dark triangular object, with many lights on it. None of the lights were flashing. The craft was much larger than an airliner and at a height of between 4-6000 feet. The object was stationary for 8 minutes, then moved off South West quite fast. It was silent throughout.

Credit Data Research.

15th March 1983. Between 8.30p.m. and 9.15p.m. Many Places in Berks.

A brilliant light was seen in the sky. People said it was fluctuating in brightness, moving and jumping up and down. Several air bases in the area were alerted and Upper Heyford said they had a primary target on radar. The other air bases picked up nothing. Also several people rang me up and asked if I could see the object. I had a look and sure enough, the old favourite was the answer! It was Venus. Either Upper Heyford had a false reading or they had another object, but certainly the object being seen by the other witnesses was Venus. There was a loose barrage balloon, but not in that area at the time.

D.N. Mansell. Data Research.

16th February 1983. Time 6.15p.m Place Hollybush, Cwmbran. Wales

The witness was walking home when she saw a craft which was saucer shaped, with bright flashing lights and spinning very fast. It was heading in the direction of Risca.

Credit. Data Research.

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ARCHEOLOGY

WERE THE BRITISH MEGALITHS BUILT AS SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS?

Alexander Thom and his son have meticulously surveyed nearly 100 megalithic sites in Britain and nearby Europe. Archeologists generally applaud the Thoms' careful work but vehemently attack their conclusions. The Thoms see in their surveys evidence that the early Britons built megalithic astronomical instruments with scientific capabilities far beyond their needs for calendar-keeping. Actually, they suggest that these "primitive" men built a society so strong and productive that it could devote time and labor to a program of astronomical research generations in extent. In short, they were curious, precociously bright, and socially strong---they could indulge their scientific desires. The Thoms' prehistoric scenario departs radically from that of the current archeological establishment, which has searched for flaws in the Thoms' work. Naturally, some defects have emerged. Clive Ruggles, the author of this article, is one of the skeptics. He feels that the megalithic sites are impressive and intriguing but not the work of mental giants. After all, Ruggles says, 72 points of the compass have some lunar significance. Almost any circle of stones built for simple ritual purposes would have some significant lunar alignment! (This kind of statistical argument reminds one of those monkeys who will eventually type out the works of Shakespeare. Presumably, the same monkeys could construct Stonehenge, given enough time. Ed.) (Ruggles, Clive; "Prehistoric Astronomy: How Far Did It Go?" New Scientist, 90:750-753, 1981)

A BIG VOID IN SPACE OR A DEFECTIVE YARDSTICK?

R. Kirshner and colleagues have discovered an immense void almost completely devoid of galaxies. Smaller voids have been found in other surveys of the heavens, but this one is too big to explain away in terms of random variations in galaxy distribution. Kirshner et al carefully measured galactic redshifts in three widely separated regions of the sky and found almost no galaxies in the redshift velocity interval 12,000 to 18,000 km/sec in all three areas. One interpretation of this huge gap is that the initial post-Big-Bang distribution of matter in the universe was unexpectedly lumpy. A further problem arising is that such a large void should show up as a blip in the 3°K cosmic background radiation---but it doesn't. (A less popular possibility is that galaxy redshifts do not measure distance at all and that no void exists. Ed.) ("Deep Redshift Survey of Galaxies Suggests Million-MPC³ Void," Physics Today, 35:17-19, January 1982)

SOMETHING HOT BENEATH SMALL SATURN SATELLITE SURFACES

Crater density studies of the small, icy Saturn satellites Rhea, Dione, Mimas, and Tethys reveal important nonuniformities in crater distribution and age. The anomalies are so large that astronomers have concluded that these objects must have undergone considerable evolution after they were formed by accretion (the currently accepted mode of formation). Unfortunately, these four satellites are so small that they could not accommodate any reasonable energy source capable of causing the observed crustal evolution. The authors suggest strong local concentrations of radioactive heat generators rather than uniformly distributed radiogenic substances, such as those that helped mould the earth's surface. (Interestingly enough, local concentrations of radioactivity have been discovered on the moon. Ed.) (Plescia, J. B., and Boyce, J. M.; "Crater Densities and Geological Histories of Rhea, Dione, Mimas and Tethys," Nature, 295:285-290, 1982.)

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